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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0025] with the following amended paragraph:

[0025] No matter the particular number of docking ports 206, or the particular number of UUVs 100 each docking port 206 can receive and dock, it will be appreciated that each docking port 206 includes hardware sufficient to mechanically capture a UUV 100, and to electrically couple to portions of the UUV 100. A simplified representation of a portion of this hardware 300 is shown in FIG. 3, and includes a docking sensor 302, and a docking connector 304. The docking sensor 302 is configured to sense when the UUV 100 is properly docked in the docking port 206 and is ready to be recharged. As will be described more fully below, the docking sensor 302 supplies an appropriate sensor signal to equipment within the docking station 200 indicating that the UUV 100 is properly docked, both mechanically and electrically.